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Prologue (2)

Buried Secrets

[Note: This is a crucial "missing dimension" of *motives* in the Watergate story, which is being recalled this year (2003), its 40th anniversary, by many others all of whom have remained in total ignorance for four decades of these crucial factors of Nixon's real "secret plan, its relation to his realistic fears of what I might reveal about it, and thus his "rational" though criminal efforts to silence me, which were crucial to his impeachment proceedings . I have never revealed any of this before, because that would have entailed revealing (to the FBI) my copying of classified documents on nuclear war, before I was ready to reveal my knowledge of these secrets comprehensively, as in this book.

Where, if at all, might this rather dramatic (and historically significant) account appear in this book? I will be discussing Nixon's nuclear threats in some detail, as one major example of the *use* of nuclear weapons (in threats) by a succession of presidents. (The relation to Watergate, through me, and thus to Nixon's resignation and the ending of the war, is certainly interesting, but not directly relevant to this book.

(It would have been appropriate for *Secrets*, my story of the Pentagon Papers, but to have explained there what was in these nuclear documents and why I was ready to go to prison to expose *them* above all would have been another book-length narrative: this book.)

This, or some parts of it, could be an epilog; or a short form (just the facts of my copying, and losing most of the copies) might be a prologue; or it could simply be fit in as a chapter, in the second half. It would seem too bad to leave it out altogether.]